

21 KILLED IN MINE BLAST; MANY HURT

100,000 MEN LOCKED OUT IN CHICAGO

Builders Shut Down When Workers Ignore Ultimatum. MUCH WORK IS HALTED. Street and Elevated Unions Are Taking Strike Vote.

CHICAGO, July 18.—Approximately 100,000 workmen affiliated with building trades unions in Chicago were locked out by building contractors today and millions of dollars worth of construction work was halted.

The lockout followed refusal of the workmen to respond to an ultimatum from the contractors that unless the men called off strikes that have been in progress for several weeks, all construction work would be stopped. The ultimatum was issued by officials of the Building Construction Employers' association.

The employers charge that various building trades organizations have gone on strike in violation of agreements between the employers and the unions. Members of the carpenters union are chiefly involved. The carpenters declare they will stand pat and fight to a finish.

Developments in the street and elevated railway labor situation became more acute today when members of the union began taking a strike vote. Attempts to reach a compromise agreement on wage increases demanded by the car men have failed. Officials of the Chicago elevated lines, anticipating the necessity of granting more wages to their men, have filed an application with the public utility commission asking permission to increase fares.

FENTON PLEASED WITH FAIN FIGHT

Federation President Says He Expects Action.

"We are satisfied with the manner in which the protests against Fain's confirmation were received at Washington, and with the developments up to the present time," said Edgar Fenton, president of the state federation of labor, who returned from Washington and Indianapolis last night. "We believe that the developments of the next few days will also be absolutely satisfactory to labor interests," continued Fenton.

"The American federation and a number of the international unions have been interested in the matter, and have issued protests against Fain's confirmation," said Fenton. The United Mine Workers of America, the strongest labor union in the United States, is among those issuing protests, Fenton says.

DAYLIGHT REPEAL RETAINED IN BILL

Committee Preserves Zone Standard Time.

WASHINGTON, July 18.—The house agriculture committee by majority vote today reported favorably to the senate a bill repealing the daylight saving law as affecting the hour of daylight saving between the last of March and the last of October in each year, but preserving the zone standard times. The house rules committee adopted a rule making this legislation legal in the agriculture appropriation bill and in this shape the fight for daylight saving, it was expected, would be waged all over in congress.

FRISCO MACHINISTS' STRIKE VOTE COUNTED

KANSAS CITY, July 18.—Ballots on the question of a strike by machinists employed by the St. Louis & San Francisco (Frisco) railroad will be counted here today, according to J. J. Dowling, general chairman of the Frisco Machinists' Union, who arrived here last night for that purpose.

The possibility of a strike arose over a controversy resulting from appointment of a foreman for the Frisco shops at Springfield, Mo.

The strike vote will be referred to the federal manager for this district for the railroad administration.

Germans Attempt to Assassinate U.S. Provost Marshal at Coblenz

British Aviator Abandons Flight Plans



F. F. Rynham seated in airplane. ST. JOHNS, N. F., July 18.—Capt. Frederick P. Rynham, whose second attempt late yesterday "to hop off" on a flight to the British Isles ended disastrously, said today that he probably will ship his damaged Martynairide plane home on the liner Gramplan, leaving in a few days, and return to England himself.

Love Tangle Is Probed By County Officials; Many Angles Involved

BULLETINS

R. P. Ingalls, associate of J. Henry C. Boig, promoter, is named in a complaint issued by the county attorney, charging Boig with embezzlement of funds belonging to the Midland Motor company. Ingalls has not been found by county officials.

WASHINGTON, July 18.—Carrying increased appropriations for the rehabilitation and education of disabled soldiers, sailors and marines, the \$613,000,000 sundry civil appropriation bill was passed today by the senate. It now goes to the president, who vetoed the original bill because it limited funds for training wounded service men.

WASHINGTON, July 18.—Postmaster-General Burleson today reduced the postage rate on airplane mail to 2 cents an ounce, the regular rate for first-class mail matter, and placed the air mail service on the same footing with all other means of mail transportation.

WASHINGTON, July 18.—An amendment to the sundry civil appropriation bill designed to end enforcement of the trading-with-the-enemy act, was rejected in the senate today, 33 to 27. It was offered by Senator Fall, republican, New Mexico, who said there should be no restrictions on trading with Germany.

WASHINGTON, July 18.—President Wilson still is insistent that the peace treaty and league of nations covenant be ratified without reservations, the president at a conference with the president at the White House. Senator Capper said the president took the position that adoption of reservations by the senate was certain to be misinterpreted abroad and would set a precedent which might be followed by other nations.

AIR SERVICE MERE SHELL, WADSWORTH SAYS

WASHINGTON, July 18.—"The United States will have no active flying service after September 1," Senator Wadsworth, chairman of the senate military affairs committee, declared in the senate this afternoon. "The army air service is reduced to a mere shell," Senator Wadsworth said, "by the failure of congress to make a sufficient appropriation for aviation. There won't be more than a dozen flying officers after September 1."

SHOTS FIRED AT OFFICER FROM BEHIND

Two Germans at Coblenz Attempt Assassination.

MAJOR ESCAPES INJURY

Assailants Make Escape After Firing Several Shots.

(By The Associated Press.) COBLENZ, July 18.—Two Germans attempted last night to assassinate Maj. George Cockrell, provost marshal of the American forces in Germany. The major was not injured. The Germans escaped after firing several shots.

Major Cockrell's home is in St. Paul, Minn. The shots were fired at the provost marshal from behind.

ALLEGED LIBEL EDITORIAL READ IN FORD TRIAL

Plaintiff Admits Again He's Ignorant Idealist.

(By International News Service.) MT. CLEMENS, Mich., July 18.—For the first time since the trial began ten weeks ago, the heart of the Henry Ford-Chicago Tribune libel suit was reached today when the editorial entitled "Ford is an Anarchist" was read in court.

Ford, who thinks the publication of the editorial did him \$1,000,000 damage, was on the stand and listened quietly to the reading.

In connection with the reading of the editorial he asserted his reading of newspapers seldom took him beyond the headlines but declared his belief that a headline should accurately represent the contents of the story.

Introduction of the editorial came suddenly when Attorney Elliott Stevenson asked:

"Are you familiar with the editorial captioned 'Ford is an Anarchist'?"

"Heard it Many Times," Ford answered.

Stevenson then read the editorial and asked:

"Is there anything in that about throwing bombs?" referring to Ford's definition of an anarchist as a man who would "throw bombs."

Ford's counsel objected to the question and Stevenson said:

"This man says his feelings have been injured and we want him to point out where."

"They printed an editorial captioned 'Ford is an Anarchist'."

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Whoa, Mule!--!!&You!

Real Horror of War Told by Battle-Scarred Oklahoma City Veteran Who Chaperoned "Iron Tails" on Tours to Front During Last Days of the War.

Another war horror was related today when Ernest Flood of this city and William Hanson and Roy Fightmaster, also Oklahoma Cityans, returned after nearly a year spent in France.

Flood probably received as many wounds during his short service as were sustained by an ordinary regiment. He is certainly a war-scarred veteran, if there ever was one.

How It Happened. This is how it happened. Flood was stationed at Bordeaux, France, with the 339th remount squadron, where he had partial charge of 10,000 mules and horses. It was his duty to chaperon eight army mules in the trick French boxcars that just hold that many, on the trips of the long-eared animals to the front.

Now a mule even under the most pleasant circumstances has a petulant—not to say nasty—disposition, but when they are crowded together on the toy French boxcars all the inherited and acquired meanness of their natures comes to the surface.

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All last fall and winter Flood gallantly escorted mules to the front, returning each time on crutches or a cane as a result of being bitten or kicked by his charges. He was still wearing a cane when he reached New York a short time ago, he said.

Repartee With Sergeant. Although he got up to where the shells were falling numerous times, the only fights he had were with the "iron tails" under his charge, he said, aside from one little incident during which he exchanged a few minor pleasantries with a mess sergeant for criticizing the way he peeled potatoes.

Flood, Hanson and Fightmaster left Oklahoma City in June, 1918, with a shipment of 500 drafted men who were sent to Camp Travis, Texas.

And, by the way, if you want any information on those French boxcars which are marked "Chevaux 8; Hommes 40," just ask Ernest Flood what he thinks about 'em. Just ask him!

Kaiser Said to Spend His Time In Prayer Now

(By The Associated Press.) BERLIN, July 18.—The pan-German Deutsche Zeitung, which stands close to former royal circles, takes a serious view of the illness of former Emperor William, calling it "deep melancholia." It is said that the one-time monarch is so depressed that his physician views his condition as critical.

Count Hohenlohe is said to rarely leave his apartment and seldom sees his closest friends. The paper says that he spends many hours in prayer and that when he does talk he wants to converse on religious subjects. The former emperor is said to show a "high degree of nervousness."

The condition of the former emperor is such, according to the newspaper, that she may have to return to Germany for treatment of her old heart trouble.

You Just Hold Your Face in Air Current!

Lee-Huckins Installing Device to Do Away With Towels in Washrooms.

Will wonders never end? The Lee-Huckins hotel is installing a device in its washrooms which will do away with towels, and, ergo, laundry bills.

The device consists of a white-enamel front stand containing a motor, fan, heating device, and adjustable nozzle for directing the flow of air.

After washing the face, it is held in front of the nozzle—from which warm air issues—or the nozzle is held in front of the face, as the case may be. The warm air dries the face, and eliminates the old-fashioned towel.

The device will also dry the hands, its inventors claim.

VETERAN SERGEANT RE-ENLISTS IN ARMY

James P. Britt, who for six years was stationed in this city on recruiting service, re-enlisted here this morning. At the beginning of the war Britt accepted a commission as first lieutenant in the sanitary corps. He has just returned from France where he served seven months with the A. E. F. Britt was given his pre-war rank of sergeant when he re-enlisted this morning.

SACRAMENTAL WINE PERMITTED

WASHINGTON, July 18.—Regulations just issued by the bureau of internal revenue afford every religious organization in the United States opportunity to obtain wine for sacramental purposes.

NEW'S PLEA IS "NOT GUILTY"

Date of Trial Set by Mutual Agreement October 27.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., July 18.—While a large crowd, mostly women and girls, filled the court room and struggled for admission to the corridor outside, Harry S. New, jr., confessed slayer of his sweetheart, Freda Lesser, pleaded not guilty to the indictment on the first degree before Superior Judge Gavin W. Craig today.

By the mutual agreement of the attorneys in the case, October 27 was set as the date for New's trial.

The defense interposed a demurrer to the indictment on technical grounds and it was overruled by the court without argument.

26, ACCUSED OF LYNCHING, ENTER PLEAS OF GUILTY

Alabama Murder Trial Ends Abruptly; 2 Deny Charge.

BAY MINNETTE, Ala., July 18.—The trial here of 28 men under indictment for the lynching of Frank Foukal, a white farmer, who was shot to death in a cell in the Baldwin county jail last month, where he was held on a murder charge, was brought to an abrupt conclusion today when confessions of guilt were accepted from all but two of the defendants.

GOVERNOR RECEIVES WIRE OF APPROVAL

The association for the Protection of American Rights in Mexico today wired Governor Robertson, expressing approval and commendation for his action in demanding reparation for the murder of an Ada man and the outraging of his wife by Mexican outlaws.

What Are Germany's Boundaries?

You may have seen maps showing the boundary lines of the German union as fixed by the peace conference, but only one correct, official map has ever been issued by the United States. That map, 25 1/2 feet and printed in nine colors, has just been drawn and issued by the United States geographical survey.

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POSTMASTER IS RENAMED BY WILSON

Claude Weaver Expected to Serve Next Four Years.

POSTOFFICE GROWS HERE

Receipts Nearly Trebled During His Incumbency.

Claude Weaver, for four years postmaster of Oklahoma City, was this morning renominated by President Wilson to hold office for the next four years, according to telegraphic reports from Washington.

Weaver was nominated for the office the first time on February 20, 1915, while he was representative-at-large from Oklahoma in the house of representatives. He took office on April 1, 1915, and has been head of the postoffice in the city since that time.

During his administration receipts at the postoffice have nearly trebled. Receipts for the fiscal year 1915 were \$350,000 and for the next year were \$941,000. The postoffice when he first took charge was small and the salary of the postmaster was \$3,800. The salary is now \$6,000. The new federal building was built under his direction.

Oklahoma City is forty-fifth in postal receipts of any city in the country. Fifty postoffices in the country collect one-half of the postal receipts, according to Weaver. Oklahoma City is one of these cities. It is classed with Baltimore, San Francisco, Kansas City and all other large cities in the country with the exception of Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Chicago and St. Louis.

Weaver's nomination now goes to the senate for confirmation, usually a matter of form only. His old term expired some time ago, but due to the president's absence the office was held over.

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Rescuers Search For Bodies of 14 Men in Wreckage

KIMBALL, W. Va., July 18.—Twenty-one men were killed and a score injured in a gas explosion at the mine of the Tazewell Creek Coal company here this noon. More than one hundred men were working in the mine at the time. Seven bodies had been recovered up to 3:30 o'clock this afternoon. Rescue parties are digging for fourteen bodies buried under wreckage at the mouth of the mine.

BLUEFIELD, W. Va., July 18.—An earlier report from Kimball, sixteen miles from here, where the accident occurred, said 221 men had been killed. This was a telephone message to a local newspaper which stated that many were known to be dead.

BLUEFIELD, W. Va., July 18.—Six miners were killed in an explosion that wrecked the Tazewell mine near here today. Two hundred men who were in the mine at the time were trapped for several hours, but were rescued after by workmen who dug through the wreckage. Five bodies had been recovered up to 3 o'clock this afternoon.

MAYOR ANSWERS BOND CRITICISM ON ESTIMATES

No "Trading" of Indorsements, Walton Declares.

In answer to editorial criticisms relative to the proposed \$2,000,000 bond issue, Mayor Walton said this morning that full explanations of how the money will be spent have been made from day to day. Mayor Walton said he was responsible for estimates on the proposed \$150,000 for water and \$600,000 for city jail improvements.

ELEVATOR FOR COURT HOUSE

County Commissioners Propose to Improve Building.

Principal improvements on the county courthouse planned by the county commissioners for the coming year include the remodeling of the present attic on the fourth floor for office and jury room use and the installation of an elevator.

The budget carries an appropriation of \$30,000 in the general government fund to provide for repairs and improvements on the county buildings.

Nearly all of the offices housed in the building are cramped for room, especially those filing a large number of records. No adequate jury rooms are provided in the present arrangement of the building.

The plan also calls for repainting a large part of the interior of the building, commissioners said today.

A representative of a firm making jail cells is expected here Monday to confer with the commissioners on the installation of eight cells for juvenile prisoners in the basement of the county jail and minor improvements on the building. The budget carries an item of \$7,500 for this purpose.

ENGINE TROUBLE HALTS CROSS COUNTRY FLIGHT

WICHITA, Kan., July 18.—C. P. Kettering, who left Wichita early this morning on a non-stop flight by airplane to Mineola, Long Island, was forced to return to Wichita at 10:30 o'clock because of a punctured coil in the magneto, causing a short circuit. He was forced to land in a nature twenty miles northeast of Wichita and after making temporary repairs there, flew back to Wichita.

Another start will be made early tomorrow.

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